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PROBABLE SUPPLY VESSELS  
GULF OF TONKIN, NORTH VIETNAM  
1751N 10634E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS PROBABLE SUPPLY VESSELS  
ENGAGED IN A NORTH VIETNAMESE RESUPPLY OPERATION DURING  
THE TET TRUCE, 08 THROUGH 11 FEBRUARY 1967.

2. LOCATION:

THE VESSELS ARE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FIVE NM OFF  
THE COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM IN THE GULF OF TONKIN AT  
1751N 10634E.

3. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS TWO TYPES OF  
PROBABLE SUPPLY VESSELS. ONE IS A NEW CLASS PROBABLE  
AKL (AUXILIARY LIGHT CARGO SHIP), WHICH HAD NOT BEEN  
IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1966 IN NORTH VIETNAM; AND  
THE OTHER IS A LARGE SELF-PROPELLED COASTING BARGE OF  
THE TYPE SEEN AT HAI PHONG SHIPYARD NO 4 DANCETTE

[REDACTED] IN EARLY JULY 1966.

THE NEW CLASS PROBABLE AKL IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED  
AND TWENTY FEET IN LENGTH AND HAS AN APPROXIMATE BEAM

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WIDTH OF TWENTY FEET. THE LARGE SINGLE HATCH LOCATED  
IN THE WELL DECK FORWARD OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE MEASURES  
K1 [REDACTED] ARMAMENT CONSISTS OF  
ONE MACHINE GUN MOUNTED FORWARD AND ONE AFT.

4. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT NEW CARGO CARRIERS WITH  
SMALL CALIBER ARMAMENT (THE NEW CLASS PROBABLE AKL) WERE  
FIRST SIGHTED DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS TRUCE, AND WERE  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE U.S.S. MADDOX AT 0545Z ON 01 JANUARY  
1967 IN THE VICINITY OF 1758N 10633E ON A NORTHERLY  
COURSE AT 10 KTS. THESE VESSELS WERE ENGAGED IN CARGO  
CARRYING AND ESCORTING CARGO CARRIERS ALONG THE COAST  
OF NORTH VIETNAM. THE MAXIMUM SPEED OF THE VESSELS WAS  
ESTIMATED TO BE 17 KTS.<sup>1</sup>

5. REMARKS:

BOTH THESE TYPES OF VESSELS WERE OBSERVED IN A  
TRANSSHIPMENT OPERATION ON [REDACTED] AT THE  
QUANG KHE NAVAL BASE SOUTH [REDACTED]

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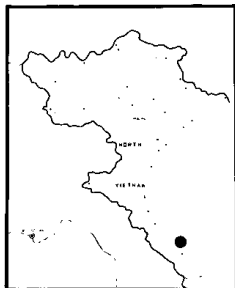
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GULF OF TONKIN, NORTH VIETNAM  
17-51N 106-34E



NEW CLASS PROBABLE AKL

LIGHT  
MACHINE  
GUN

SELF-PROPELLED COASTING BARGE

12X ENLARGEMENT  
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